I. AMENDMENT OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-5.(Cancelled)

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Claim 6.(Currently Amended) A method for treating pain in humans for a time period of 24 hours, comprising administering to a human patient at a dosing interval of about 24 hours, a solid, controlled-release oral dosage form comprising 8 to 64 mg ~~an analgesically effective amount~~ of hydromorphone or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, incorporated into a controlled-release matrix, wherein the dissolution rate in vitro of the dosage form, when measured by the USP Paddle Method of U.S. Pharmacopeia XXII (1990) at 100 rpm at 900 ml aqueous buffer at pH 1.6 and 7.2 and at 37°C is from 12.5% to 42.5% (by wt) hydromorphone or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof released after 1 hour, from 25% to 65% (by wt) hydromorphone or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof released after 2 hours, from 45% to 85% (by wt) hydromorphone or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof released after 4 hours and greater than 60% (by wt) hydromorphone or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof released after 8 hours, the in-vitro release rate being substantially independent of pH in that a difference, at any given time, between an amount of hydromorphone or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof released at one pH and an amount released at any other pH, when measured in-vitro using the USP Paddle Method of U.S. Pharmacopeia XXII (1990) at 100 rpm in 900 ml aqueous buffer is no greater than 10%, the dosage form further providing a peak plasma level of hydromorphone obtained in-vivo which occurs between 4 and 8 hours after administration of the dosage form, said dosage form providing a duration of therapeutic effect of at least 24 hours ~~and providing mean blood levels of hydromorphone over 500 pg/ml at 12 hours after administration to human patients, and over 300 pg/ml at 24 hours after administration to human patients~~.